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AM DISAPPOINTED TO NOTE FROM JCS 7328 TO CINCPAC THAT PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER PATROL IN GULF OF TONKIN NOT APPROVED AT THIS TIME. AS NOTED EMBTEL 364, WE FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE THESE PATROLS AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

ALTHOUGH WE KNOW IN PAST SUCH PATROLS HAVE ONLY BEEN ON WIDELY SPACED PERIODIC BASIS, ARE CONCERNED THAT BOTH DRV/CHICOM

AS WELL AS GVN WILL INTERPRET PRESENT ACTION AS RETREAT IN FACE DEPLOYMENT OF MIGS TO DRV. FROM STANDPOINT COMMUNISTS, THIS MAY ENCOURAGE THEM TO RESUME ATTACKS WHEN PATROLS BEGIN AGAIN AT LATER DATE. FROM STANDPOINT GVN AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES HERE, IT WILL TEND TO HASTEN AND ACCENTUATE DROP IN MORALE WHICH RECEIVED MAJOR LIFT FROM AUGUST 5 ACTION.

INSOFAR AS "NORMAL REQUIREMENTS" ARE CONCERNED, IT SEEMS TO US PRESENCE OF MIGS IN DRV HAS RAISED PREVIOUSLY EXISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PATROLS, INCLUDING NECESSITY CLOSELY FOLLOWING BY ELINT DEVELOPMENT OF GCI CAPABILITIES IN DRV.

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